

**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 8540G-000236/COA

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Title Electrical Contact Element and Bipolar Plate

Express Mail Label No. EL623310996US

19270 U.S. PT1
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 56]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 Specification filed in English
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]
 a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
 (for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 ii. paper
 c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Non Publication under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other: Reference to Recorded Assignment of Original Applications; 10/004322 and 10/087677 and copies of Declarations.

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application Nos: 10/087677 AND 10/004322 (priority from DE 10058337.7)

Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group / Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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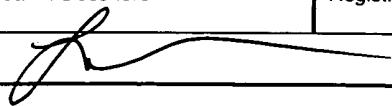
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) |
| 1001 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee |
| 1002 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee |
| 1003 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee |
| 1004 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee |
| 1005 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$ 770) | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| | | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----------------|------------|
| Total Claims | 54 | -20 ** | = 34 | X 18 = 612 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3 ** | = 1 | X 86 = 86 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | X = 0 |

Large Entity Small Entity

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description |
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| 1202 | 2202 | 9 |
| 1201 | 2201 | 43 |
| 1203 | 2203 | 145 |
| 1204 | 2204 | 43 |
| 1205 | 2205 | 9 |
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1051 | 2051 | 130 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 1052 | 2052 | 50 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 1053 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification |
| 1812 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination |
| 1804 | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 1251 | 2251 | 110 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 1252 | 2252 | 420 | Extension for reply within second month |
| 1253 | 2253 | 950 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 1254 | 2254 | 1,480 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 1255 | 2255 | 2,010 | Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 1401 | 2401 | 330 | Notice of Appeal |
| 1402 | 2402 | 330 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 | 2403 | 290 | Request for oral hearing |
| 1451 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 1452 | 2452 | 110 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 | 2453 | 1,330 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 1501 | 2501 | 1,330 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 1502 | 2502 | 480 | Design issue fee |
| 1503 | 2503 | 640 | Plant issue fee |
| 1460 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 1807 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q) |
| 1806 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 8021 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809 | 2809 | 770 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) |
| 1810 | 2810 | 770 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) |
| 1801 | 2801 | 770 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| 1802 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application |

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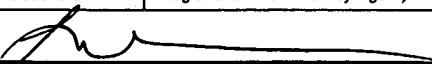
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